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- Willow Team Debriefing

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1. We appreciate the detailed debriefing of the Willow Team which was forwarded in the referenced dispatch. We have read it with great interest and hope that you will continue to forward such reports for other BIFIEND teams. In response to your query, we do feel that the team mission was worthwhile in terms of the time, effort, and money spent. Despite the fact that the intelligence product was slight, as is discussed below, the mission was worthwhile to the extent that it found its old contacts still available and willing to help. In reviewing the Willow debriefing for 1952 which was forwarded in SCAA-1370, we note that the team had made a contact with one Zahadin GJINOVATHE in the Korcha district. Did the team attempt to follow up this contact on their most recent mission or was it not possible at the time?
2. In regard to paragraph 3d, headquarters files have been searched and unfortunately we are unable to provide you with any information on Gerin Tsano.
3. We are very interested in the Yugoslav team mentioned in paragraph 2p and would appreciate any additional information which you can provide that might be useful for liaison purposes.
4. For your information and guidance the BIFIEND reports section has reviewed the intelligence product of the mission and makes the general comment that there is little positive intelligence of value in the team's report. Indeed, the reports section views certain items as dubious, e.g. the claims that the 2nd Division is stationed in Korcha, the report that lek now sell at 25 to the dollar and the claim that butter and cheese are more expensive than meat. Contrary information is available from other sources.

5. We acknowledge

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5. We acknowledge that Willow is a team of relatively low calibre and that its main purpose is to develop PW information and materials. However, since it is going in and out of Albania, we would recommend that, if practical, the team be given more training in intelligence collection in the rest period between missions.

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